Rural Electrification in Madhya Pradesh

† 500. SHRIMATI MAYASINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 38 districts out of the 45 districts of Madhya Pradesh have been included under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana; if so, whether there is any proposal of including the remaining seven districts of the State also;

(b) by when these districts would be included in the said scheme; and

(c) whether keeping in view that amount has been allocated for only 9 districts so far out of 38 districts approved by the Ministry in this scheme, by when amount would be allocated for the remaining 29 districts so that the problem of power in rural area of these districts could be solved?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All the 48 districts of Madhya Pradesh are included under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).

(c) 16 projects of Madhya Pradesh have so far been sanctioned. Further, 5 projects have been given 'in-principal' approval. Funds are released for the projects as and when awards are placed and works incurring expenditure are undertaken. The remaining projects which have not been approved can be approved after Cabinet approval for enhancement of funds for the scheme.

Implementation of Mega Power Projects

501. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any time bound programme for mega power projects;

(b) if so, how many mega power projects have been approved by Government for completion before 2010;

(c) how many mega power projects are there in Maharashtra along with the details of their location, their status and criteria of selection of location; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.